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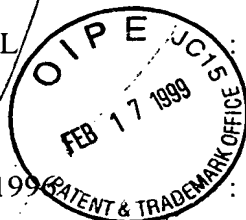
IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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SERIAL NO: 08/722,144

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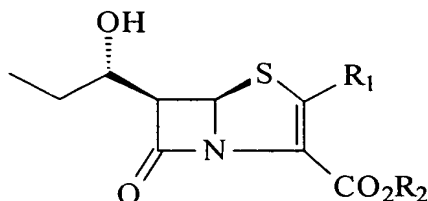
SIR:

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated August 17, 1998, Applicants respectfully seek reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

--1. (Amended) A penem derivative represented by the following formula (I):



(I)

wherein R₁ represents [a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted alkenyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group,] a substituted or unsubstituted alkylthio group, a substituted or